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Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 1, 2005

In response to the Office Action dated November 1, 2005, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on February 1, 2006, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 20-0782/ATT/113692CON2 of the counsel, for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.